

APPROVED: Meeting No. 35-86

ATTEST:

Carol A. Kachadoorian

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 25-86

June 5, 1986

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in work session in the City Manager's Conference Room, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland on Thursday, June 5, 1986, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Steven Van Grack

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman James Coyle

Councilman Douglas Duncan

ABSENT

Councilman Peter Hartogensis

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Richard V. Robinson; Assistant City Manager Daniel G. Hobbs; Budget Analyst Ellen Elow-Mintz; City Clerk Carol A. Kachadoorian.

Re: Wish List

The Mayor and Council discussed items on their wish list including policy issues regarding funds from the City to be spent for agencies outside the city requesting funding.

Historic Preservation - Dairy House - \$3,500 has been requested by the Beall Dawson House to restore the Dairy House on the Beall Dawson House grounds. The Mayor and Council approved funding of the \$3,500 with no match guarantee required. However the \$3,500 was funded on the assumption that the renovator's estimate would guarantee that the work could be done for that amount.

Housing Assistance: The Mayor and Council approved a \$25,000 grant to the Rockville Housing Authority to be used as the Authority saw fit. In return, the Mayor and Council asked that the Rockville Housing Authority work with the City cooperatively to see how they, RHA, and the City could work together to provide social services for City residents more effectively. The Housing Information Center was considered for operation by the City. Should the City decide to takeover its operation \$16,900 was set aside. Operation of the Center by the Rockville Housing Authority would be funded out of the \$25,000 grant.

Human Rights: The Mayor and Council approved a total of \$2,600 for operations of the Human Rights Commission during fiscal year 1987.

Police Activities: The Mayor and Council approved \$3,000 in funding to be placed in the Police Department Budget to cover expenses for Rockville Neighborhood Watch (primarily printing the newsletter.)

Special Services:

1) Funding for Rockville Emergency Assistance Program: The Mayor and Council approved funding REAP at \$30,000 plus \$5,000 on a one-to-one matching basis, assuming that United Center for Community Ministries could raise an equal amount in the private sector. In addition, the Mayor and Council approved the inclusion of \$7,500 for an intern to be placed in the new department of Community Service, to handle bookkeeping and the administration for REAP.

2) Funding for Affiliated Community Counselors: The Mayor and Council did not approve funding for Affiliated Community Counselor for fiscal year 1987.

3) Funding for Family Services of Montgomery County: The Mayor and Council did not approve funding for Family Services of Montgomery County for fiscal year 1987.

Shelter Funding The Mayor and Council discussed funding for shelters that have requested money from the Mayor and Council.

1. Mount Calvery Baptist Church Shelter: The Mayor and Council approved funding up to \$4,500 for the purchase of equipment needed for the shelter.

2. Shelter sponsored by Community Ministries on Gude Drive: The Mayor and Council approved \$10,000 for the shelter on Gude Drive, provided that one of the following two conditions were met: First, the \$10,000 would be provided on a one-to-one matching basis of non-Montgomery County government money. Or, two, the \$10,000 could be used for a one-time non-reoccurring, non-operating expenses.

3. Stepping Stone Shelter: The Mayor and Council approved \$10,000 for capital items at the shelter with the condition that Stepping Stones provide for the Mayor and Council a proposal as to how the money will be spent.

4. Shelter provided by Catholic Charities: The Mayor and Council approved \$4,500 for the purchase of equipment needed for the shelter.

List of Administrative Funding Items

The Mayor and Council approved all the items included on the list. There was some discussion regarding the \$8,000 included for the purchase of micro computer equipment. This item was included initially for equipment for the Traffic Engineer. City Manager, Richard Robinson, however, recommended that the funds not be dedicated specifically for a given position.

Housing Fund: The Mayor and Council approved the establishment of a revolving fund for low- and moderate-income housing, with the City providing up to \$75,000 in match for the \$75,000 received from the Artery Corporation.

General Fund Balance: Councilman Duncan proposed that the property tax rate for the City be reduced by \$.01 and that \$100,000 from general fund balance be used to make up the difference resulting from that reduction. City

Manager Robinson suggested that \$500,000 be taken from the General Fund Balance and considered a grant to the refuse fund to provide cash reserves for that fund. He also suggested that the Mayor and Council approve, in concept the use of one-year bond anticipation notes sold by the City to the City. The Mayor and Council approved in concept this funding mechanism. Mayor Van Grack expressed his endorsement of Councilman Duncan's proposal for the reduction of the tax rate by \$.01, but felt it was not an appropriate year to make that reduction, preferring instead to work for a greater tax reduction for fiscal year 1988. Councilman Coyle stated that he was inclined not to go along with the tax reduction, however he too endorsed the concept. Councilman Abrams encouraged the Mayor and Council to approve a substantial tax reduction in fisical year 1988, pointing out that it would be a good way for the new City Manager to establish a record in terms of budget preparation and tax rates. The Mayor and Council reached a concensus that the tax rate would stay at \$.88 for fiscal year 1987.

Re: Capital Improvements
Project FY 1987-1992

Tennis Courts Potomac Woods: Councilman Abrams requested that the project be moved forward, and upon consensus of the Mayor and Council, accepted funding of this project in fiscal year 1988 with the understanding that staff could begin survey work and preliminary planning for the project during fiscal year 1987.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further businesss to come before the Mayor and Council in work session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. to convene again in a general session on Monday, June 9, 1986, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, or at the call of the Mayor.